

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the paragraph at page 6 starting at line 10 and continuing through line 17 with the following rewritten paragraph (this paragraph corresponds to paragraph [0027] of the publication U.S. 2006/0147568):

The isohumulones can be those commercially available. An active ingredient according to the present invention can also be produced according to known methods; for example, they can be synthesized by the method described in Developments in Food Science 27, CHEMISTRY AND ANALYSIS OF HOP AND BEER BITTER ACIDS, M. Verzele, ELSEVIER. An active ingredient according to the present invention can be obtained by isolating and purifying a-hop extract or an isomerized hop extract obtained according to the methods described hereinafter.